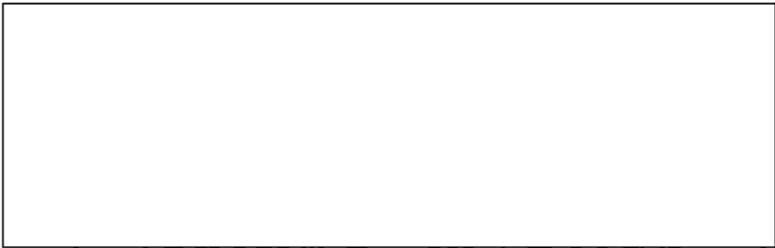


MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

**Attached is a summary of highlights
of the hearing before the House Committee
on Outer Space.**


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Testimony Before the House Select Committee
on Astronautics and Space Exploration

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1. The Director of Central Intelligence, accompanied by [redacted] and John Warner, appeared before the House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration on Wednesday, 26 March 1958, at 2:30 P.M. All members of the Committee were present. In addition, Mr. George Feldman, counsel for the Committee was present. Mr. Charles S. Sheldon who is attached to the Library of Congress was also present as a special consultant to the Committee. After some discussion participated in by Representatives Martin, Arends and Chairman McCormack, it was agreed that no transcript would be taken.

2. The Director proceeded to read his prepared statement and with relatively few interruptions for questions he completed the statement in about one hour. Some of the questions afterwards indicated some lack of awareness of the exact role of the Agency in the minds of the Congressmen.

3. Mr. McCormack recalled a luncheon that he had with the Director some three or four years ago in which mortality rates of clandestine agents had been discussed and he queried whether or not the experience was the same. The Director answered questions to Mr. McCormack's satisfaction. (Mr. McCormack had been very helpful and cooperative in assisting members of the Security Office in making arrangements for and conducting technical sweeps of the Committee room.)

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4. There seemed to be general recognition of the importance of the role of intelligence in the present state of world conditions and there were some specific comments to this effect. The nature of the questions generally seemed motivated solely by a desire to gain information and understanding. The hearing was conducted in an informal and friendly atmosphere. In my opinion the hearing went very well and the Congressmen appeared sincerely appreciative of the Director's efforts to give them the desired information.

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